GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF PALM OIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) has been asked by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to procure additional palm oil from Karnataka under market intervention scheme;

(b) if so, the total quantity of palm oil procured by the NAFED from Karnataka during 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 till date;

(c) whether the India has achieved self-sufficiency in palm oil production; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to achieve self-sufficiency in palm oil production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): The Government of India included Oil Palm cultivation under the Technology Mission on Oilseeds, Pulses & Maize in 1991-92. As part of the mission, a comprehensive Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP)` has been implemented to augment oil palm cultivation in the country.